

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting of October 9, 2012  
Montgomery Field Terminal Building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Nici Boon, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, David Ryan, Duane Shockey

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Cooper, Ernie Gesell, Brandi Mulvey, Roy Nail, Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 11 meeting were unanimously approved, as written, with Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Martindell abstaining, due to their absence at that meeting.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**4. DISTRIBUTION OF THE AMENDED BY-LAWS**

*Were signed by the Chair and Vice Chair, and distributed after the meeting.*

**5. RECOGNITION** – *Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey*

Mr. Tussey recognized long-time MYF tenant and airport advocate Rick Beach, who is moving away from San Diego; and MYF tenant and Piper Cub pilot/tail-dragger artist Bob Turner, whose innumerable (and often elegant) touch-and-goes contribute to the number of MYF operations.

**6. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**MYF General Update** – *MYF Airport Manager Ernie Gesell*

The first week of the Runway 10L-28R Rehabilitation Construction Project is on schedule. Large sections of the runway have been removed or milled, and will soon be repaved. The contractor has uncovered some sections of clay, which will have to be dug out and replaced. Milling of Twy A does not include any portion of the run-up area, but will eventually include all pavement up to the existing hold line.

Mr. Gesell described the barricades with solar-powered lights, runway reflectors and solar-powered runway lights, examples of each were on display at the meeting. Two of the reflectors

located at the 28L threshold were damaged and subsequently removed. The remaining reflectors were reconfigured.

Installation of the solar-powered runway lights is scheduled to take place Thursday, when the airport is closed for the Blue Angels' practice session. The threshold lights will be installed ten feet from the runway thresholds, versus the two feet where the reflectors are currently installed. Lights and reflectors will exist concurrently along the runway edge.

Mr. Gibbs asked if the project is on schedule and if the grindings will be exported. Mr. Gesell replied yes, they are currently on schedule. Saturday work and overtime is authorized to enhance the project schedule. The asphalt grindings will not be exported, but will remain in place as base material.

#### MYF Tower Update – MYF Tower Manager Tom Dray

- An aircraft mistakenly landed on Twy H last Wednesday night. ATC procedures were reviewed and appear to have been correct. Nonetheless, a sentence was added to the ATIS explaining Rwy 28L is an unlighted runway, to avoid confusion.
- There is a new section on the National Flight Data Center webpage called "Construction Notices," which provides an airport diagram depicting the closed areas of MYF with text. This is an experimental program that does not currently include all airports with construction projects. Supposedly, there is a function where pilots checking NOTAM's will be directed to this webpage.
- There is a direct link on the FAA.gov webpage that provides graphical depictions of Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR's) (a site described by Mr. Dray as 'groovy'). Currently, two TFR's related to the air show are depicted: 2/3098 and 2/3099; both refer to the airspace being closed. 2/3098 is for the time period starting at 1000L, but excludes MYF Class D airspace, as described in the text version, which can be viewed by clicking the "NOTAM Text" box.

Vice-Chair Mc Gill asked what type of aircraft landed on Twy H. Mr. Dray replied it was an Arrow, and it was about 25 minutes after sunset – right at the end of civil twilight. Since then, the taxiway lights are being set on maximum intensity, to assist pilots at night. Requests by pilots to leave the REIL's on all night are being denied, out of fear of luring pilots into a questionable situation.

Tom Ricotta asked a question on the possibility of Mitt Romney being elected president, and how future TFR's would affect San Diego pilots. Mr. Dray replied Miramar would likely be used, but was unsure of exactly how it would affect pilots. Should that situation present itself, ATC would follow whatever procedures are created.

Mr. Martindell explained a recent change to the AIM, which requires pilots to operate their transponder during all surface movements. However, a recent trip to Santa Barbara airport indicates the message may not have been disseminated or properly understood, due to their apparent lack of knowledge of the change. One would assume the rule applies while operating at airports with surface surveillance equipment, but the verbiage in the AIM does not specify which airports the rule applies to. Mr. Dray replied he would attempt to gain clarification.

Noise/Special Projects – *Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter*

- There are two airport bulletins that were previously disseminated: one for the airport closures due to the Miramar Air Show, and one for the 10L-28R Rehabilitation Project.
- The quarterly noise report for July – September was completed this afternoon.
- Aircraft from Miramar will likely relocate to Brown Field, due to the air show. Six F/A-18's were at SDM yesterday. Mr. Ricotta indicated Miramar has relocated a mobile maintenance facility, and the missions flown will likely be related to cross-country flights, rather than sorties to the offshore practice area.
- To date, there has not been a noticeable increase in noise complaints as a result of the 10L-28R Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. Dray reminded pilots to check NOTAM's for any last minute changes to the air show closure schedule. The Blue Angels' local area familiarization flight could be moved from Thursday to Friday, due to weather.

Mr. Dray indicated gate-hold procedures were implemented at the start of the construction project, but were subsequently terminated, as they were not needed.

MYF/SDM Property – *Supervising Property Agent Brandi Mulvey*

- Evictions of non-aviation north-side tenants at SDM continue.
- We are looking at securing Pogo Row at SDM with a gate during nighttime hours.
- US Customs has expressed a desire to expand their office at SDM. Discussions to facilitate that expansion are in progress.
- At MYF, negotiations with Crownair continue.

Ms. Golden requested Ms. Mulvey's contact information for the Otay Mesa Planning Group.

Mr. Hitchcock requested an update on the broken gates at SDM. SDM Airport Manager Chris Cooper responded the gates have been fixed.

Ms. Golden asked if the traffic issue at the vehicle gate on Sikorsky Street had been resolved. Mr. Cooper replied the gate is designed for one vehicle to pass through at a time. There are stop signs on either side of the gate and the lanes are properly marked.

Mr. Hitchcock requested a timeframe for a card-key system. Mr. Cooper replied there is currently no card-key system planned for Brown Field.

SDM General Update – *SDM Airport Manager Chris Cooper*

- As previously reported, the gates have been repaired.
- US Customs approached the airport about expanding their office to accommodate new policies and procedures, and use Brown Field as a model for other offices. One option is to use an office currently leased by the café. Estimated date for the expansion is a year.

SDM Development Update – *Project Manager Roy Nail*

DPC has tentative plans to release the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at the end of October. Once released, there will be a public review period of 45 days.

Capital Improvement/Consultant Project Update – Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey

- MYF Rwy 5/23, Twy G Rehab Construction: \$2.36 million grant received, remainder next FY. Expected start in two years.
- MYF Rwy 10L/28R Construction: Reflectors will be augmented by solar-powered LED edge lights on Rwy 28L; lights will be set to medium intensity and will allow remote control by the tower. Reflectors and lights will coexist along the edge of Rwy 28L.

Self-Funded Projects: Approval received for nearly \$1.6 million worth of street repairs at both airports. Expected start at the end of October at either airport.

Tom Ricotta asked about the constraints for doing the restrooms at Brown Field this fiscal year. Mr. Tussey replied there is not enough money this fiscal year, plus the design will take approximately 7-8 months to complete. The restrooms and entryways at both airports will receive upgrades, but Brown Field will receive priority.

Vice-Chair McGill asked about a large political sign attached to the airport fence at the intersection of Aero Drive and Glenn Curtiss. Mr. Tussey replied the sign will be removed, and that political sign installation by candidates and removal by the airport represented an election season tradition.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Ander reported the repaving and restriping of Mission Center Road. She also announced Serra Mesa will have a community fair on Saturday, October 20 at Cabrillo Heights Neighborhood Park.

Vice-Chair McGill announced the AOPA Summit will be taking place this weekend in Palm Springs. Pilots wishing to fly to PSP during the convention should consult the detailed arrival and departure instructions, which can be downloaded from the AOPA website.

Chairman Fink thanked the EAA for hosting two forums in their hangar for the two mayoral candidates, Congressman Filner and Councilmember DeMaio.

Ray Richmond announced a barbeque at the Crownair hangar on Friday, October 19 from 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Gibbs requested a summary of the weekly construction progress meetings to be emailed to interested parties. Mr. Tussey agreed to send an email summary after next week's Progress Report. He then summarized today's progress meeting by stating the project is currently on-schedule, and overtime and Saturday work are authorized to keep the project on schedule. Three more progress meetings are scheduled, all occurring on the next three Mondays from 9:30 – 10:30 A.M., with the user meetings following immediately after.

Chairman Fink issued a reminder the AAC Luncheon will occur Tuesday, December 11 from 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron.

Mr. Tussey announced a forthcoming request for nominations would soon be issued to fill the two vacancies on the AAC: Brown Field Tenants and Clairemont Mesa Community

representative. Mr. Aldrich asked a question about what is considered Clairemont. Mr. Gibbs replied the boundaries can be identified by the community planning group boundary map, as shown on the City's Development Services: Planning Division webpage.

**The next meeting of the AAC will be at Brown Field** on November 13 at the Tactical Air hangar.

Mr. Ricotta reported there are no signs along the newly-opened 905 freeway describing the location of Brown Field. Mr. Cooper replied he has talked with Caltrans about a remedy. Presently, drivers heading eastbound on the 905 will need to take the Britannia exit, then turn left on Otay Mesa Road to get to the airport.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne J. Reiter